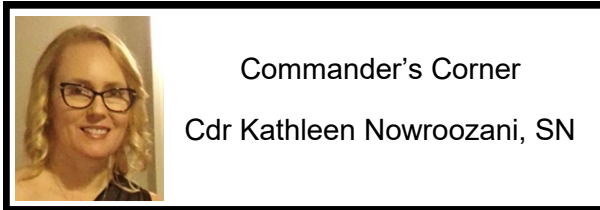




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Commander's Corner

Cdr Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

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Here we are again, spring has finally sprung and we are looking at a calendar full of fun events. I hope that you take the time to look at the calendar on the last page and join us for an event soon. As our group becomes smaller we find that some events are easier to plan while others are more difficult to find places that will accommodate smaller groups with the quiet space that we need. Luckily we have found a few tried and true places that we end up going back to time and again. We really lucked out having the COW at 1760 Pub and Grille, the back room worked out great and it was nice to have everyone there. We also had 5 first timers and we hope you all had a great time and continue to join our events in the future!

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# Game Night



Keith, Sergio and Michele chatting in the kitchen.



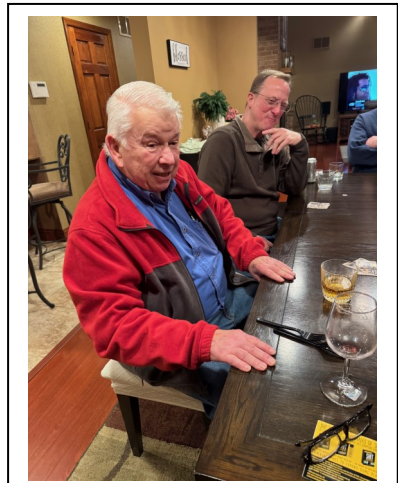
Mark and Bob catching up at the table.



Sergio and Cyrus looking a little mischievous.



Michele, Keith, Ellen, Jeanette, and Randy catching up.



Chris and Randy plotting their moves for the win.



Jeanette and Ellen are reveling in their win. What a game!



Mark dealing the cards. Who will win this one?



Some very serious strategy at the table from MaryLee, Mark, Randy, Chris, Bob, Ellen, and Jeanette.



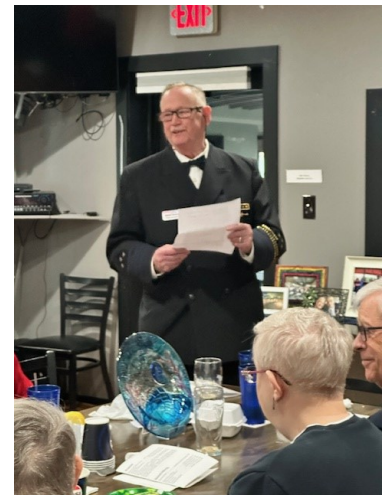
# Change of Watch



Cyrus was a captivating MC.



Randy and Jeanette's entrance.



Brent sharing the treasurer's audit report. All was on the up and up.



Kathleen announcing the past commander and guests.



Our new Commander, Kathleen taking her oath.



Congratulations to the new bridge for 2026!



Mark standing in as Flag Lieutenant 'escorting' our District guest back to his seat.



A gift (or two...or three) for our District attendee, John O'Reilly.



Nikki and Chris sharing smiles, remembering past members.



# Change of Watch



The ladies sure loved their flowers! Right to left top to bottom:  
Diane, Jane, Michele, Mary Lee, Shy, Sherika, Janice and Colleen.

# St. Patrick's Day

A fun night celebrating. From Left to right: Keith, Kathy, Cyrus, Mark, MaryLee, Michele & Sergio.





# April Meeting



**Wednesday, April 1**  
Nowroozani Residence  
**6:30pm**

Burgers and potato casserole will be served. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.



# Wine Tasting

at

*Blue Ridge*  
Estate Vineyard & Winery



**Saturday, April 18**  
239 Blue Ridge Road  
Saylorsburg, PA  
**12pm**

Food Options:

Brick Oven pizza opens at 11am  
Uno-Taqueria & [Kitchen Outlawz](#) at 12 pm  
or pack your own snacks to share

Entertainment:

Music by Ciara Devlin starts at 1:30pm



Learn more about this scenic venue and the unique wines they offer [here](#)

RSVP to Kathy at [k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com)  
or 956.240.5553



Join us for our annual  
**Sock Burning**



**Saturday, May 2**  
Dlugos Fire Pit  
3pm

Hot dogs roasted over the fire will be served.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. And don't forget your socks!



RSVP to Kathy at [k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com)  
or 956.240.5553

## May Meeting



**Wednesday, May 6**  
Morgan's Local Flavor  
3709 Willow Street  
6pm

We will meet in the back room and order off the [menu](#).  
Dinner will follow the meeting.



RSVP to Kathy at  
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P/C Robert Rendish at  
[robertrendish1@yahoo.com](mailto:robertrendish1@yahoo.com)





# Beltzville Lake Clean-up

**Saturday, May 16**

Pine Run Boat Launch  
140 Deer Lane  
Lehighton, PA  
**9am**



Come join us for lunch after the clean up at:

[Joey B's](#)

638 Delaware Ave  
Palmerton, PA  
**1 pm**



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# Summer Rendezvous

Thursday, June 25 through  
Sunday, June 28



**The Mariner's Motel**

5681 South Hawthorne Avenue  
[\(410\) 639-2224](tel:(410)639-2224)

**Rock Hall Landing Marina**

Launch permits required

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Hotel rooms have been reserved, call to make your reservations now!

Thursday: \$72.50

Friday: \$225.00

Saturday: \$225.00

Marina fees are \$3.75/foot Thursday and \$4/foot Friday and Saturday with discounts if you book a room.

\$25 gift card to Harbor Shack is included.

Buy launch permits at Ace Hardware.





# Become a Better Boater, Take an In-Person Boating Course with

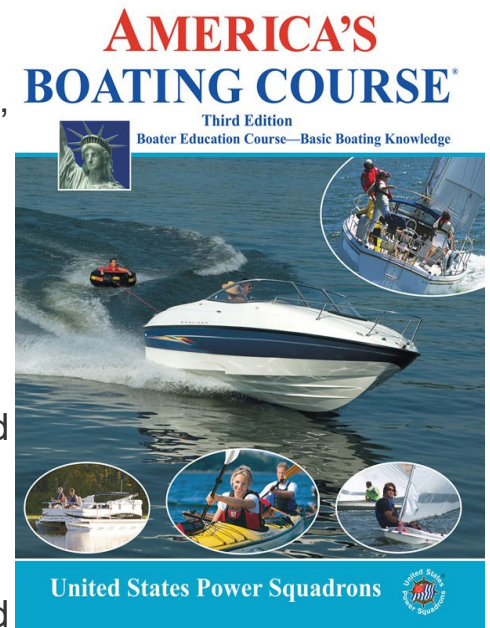


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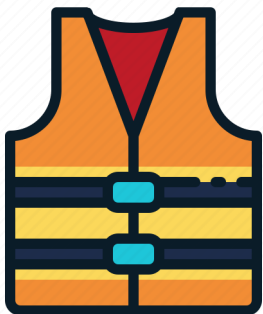
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## VSC Corner

By: P/C Keith Knoblach, AP



Now that the weather is getting warmer, we all are getting excited for the boating season to start. It is time to start preparing your vessels for the time on the water. Start by checking your batteries. If they are weak, replace them with the proper size and cold cranking ampere rating and the right battery for your charging system. Check all your running lights and other electrical devices, especially your bilge pump. Check your depth gauge, GPS, chart plotter and VHF radio. Check all your safety equipment PFDs, throw cushions, flares, and replace old products in your on-board first aid kit.

Get a vessel safety check done to insure you have all you need and everything is in order. Call when you would like to have one done. Our vessel safety examiners will set up a time and place to meet.

It is much more fun on the water if you don't have any problems. Let's have a safe and fun filled boating season.



# Birthday!

### April

P/C Brent Rhoads, SN  
 1st/Lt Vincent Nowroozani, S  
 P/Lt/C Russel Fontana, P

### May

Brendan Morrow, AP  
 P/Lt/C David Sell, SN



Click to go to [America's Boating Channel™](http://America's Boating Channel™) to see videos about safe boating and boating education!





Executive Officer's Report  
P/C Robert Rendish, P

Our annual Beltzville Clean-Up & Vessel Safety Check event will be on Saturday May 16, at the Pine Run launch and parking lot at Beltzville Lake. I hope to see good weather for us and plenty of boaters looking to enhance their knowledge of safe boating, and their vessels systems and safety equipment.

Our annual Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous will be at the Rock Hall Landing Marina & the Mariner Motel in Rock Hall Maryland, the long weekend of June 25 - 28.

More information on page 7.

Our Squadron had our Change of Watch earlier this month. This is our traditional event of changing our officers to guide our squadron, and plan Safe Boating Classes and events throughout the next year.

Although our squadron has been shrinking for a long time, we are so fortunate to have long time, dedicated members who continue to step up and keep this fine Safe Boating organization and close knit group of boaters, enthusiasts and friends; helping to continue to keep this organization alive and well, year after year.

I am, once again, honored and blessed to be on our Bridge as your Executive Officer, and to work with our new Bridge of extraordinary, dedicated, hard-working volunteers to keep this organization moving forward.

As small as our Squadron is, we are an active Squadron promoting and teaching Safe Boating, and having fun doing it.

A heartfelt thank you to our new Bridge Officers, current members, past members, and to all our friends of the Squadron who continue to support us.

Thank you.

To the Breezes.

Administrative Officer's Report

Spring has finally arrived! The snow has melted and the weather is getting warmer. There are many events on our upcoming calendar starting with our April meeting on April Fools Day.

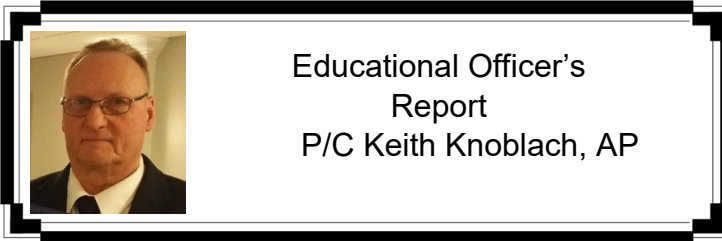
Wine tasting at Blue Ridge should be a fun time with food and live music. We can't make reservations so plan to arrive around noon so that we can get some seats.

Sock burning will start off with a bang, so bring your range accessories and plan for a great time. Don't forget your socks for burning to kick off the boating season!

Our Beltzville Lake Clean-up is the Saturday of Safe Boating Week and lunch at Joey B's afterwards is a great reward for helping out our community.

Summer Rendezvous promises to be a great weekend once again. Motel prices and marina rates are all set and listed on page 7 so make your reservations early.





Educational Officer's Report  
P/C Keith Knoblach, AP

Hello everyone. I am excited to take on this new position with our squadron. We are working to get an ABC class scheduled for April. I am hoping to arrange a location to hold the classes and looking for ideas of when the best time to hold the classes will be. I have reached out to a few locations and am still in the planning stage of getting this set up.

You can check online for other courses to take if you are interested in learning more skills to boat more safely and efficiently. Check out this link to see the details for our [Boat Handling Course | America's Boating Club®](#) offered by the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club. It is the replacement for the recently retired Seamanship course.

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## 2026 BOATING SAFETY CALENDAR

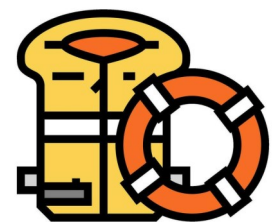


<b>JAN</b> COLD WATER BOATING	<b>FEB</b> TAKE A SAFE BOATING COURSE	<b>MAR</b> VESSEL SAFETY INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE	<b>APR</b> COMMUNICATION DEVICES	<b>MAY</b> LIFE JACKETS ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCHES	<b>JUN</b> WATER SPORTS RENTAL BOAT SAFETY
<b>JUL</b> BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	<b>AUG</b> PADDLECRRAFT SAFETY	<b>SEP</b> HUNTING AND FISHING	<b>OCT</b> FALL CLEANUP STORING BOAT AND EQUIPMENT	<b>NOV</b> REGISTRATION RENEWALS	<b>DEC</b> HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDES

**2026 Boating Safety Calendar**

- Jan Various Boat Shows
- Feb Various Boat Shows
- Apr 6 #40SDay
- May 7-8 Virtual International Boating & Water Safety Summit
- May National Water Safety Month
- May 15 Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day
- May 16-22 National Safe Boating Week
- May 16 Kids to Parks Day
- May 22 National Maritime Day
- May 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend
- Jun National Safety Month
- Jun 6-14 National Fishing and Boating Week
- June 13 National Marina Day
- Jun 18 National Go Fishing Day
- June 20 Summer Solstice
- Jul Sun Safe Boating Month
- Jul 4 Independence Day
- Jul 3-5 Operation Dry Water
- Sep 7 Labor Day
- Sep 24 World Maritime Day
- Sep 26 National Hunting and Fishing Day
- Oct National Hunting and Fishing Month
- Nov Child Safety Protection Month
- Dec Holiday Parade of Boats (check local community calendars)


  
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# DISTRICT 5 NEWS



**District 5**

**Summer Rendezvous**

August 28-30



Rock Hall, Maryland

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You can find it here:

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# USPS NATIONAL NEWS



**2026 Fall Governing Board**

September 20-27

Cary, North Carolina





Here is a link  
to the current  
National Newsletter:  
[Winter Edition](#)





# Why Boats Sink

Have you ever wondered why boats sink at the dock? According to the BoatUS Foundation, for every boat that sinks at sea in open water, four sink at the dock.

When a boat sinks at the dock, the skipper is most likely to ask, "What happened to the bilge pump?" However, that's the wrong question to ask. Bilge pumps can actually hide the real problem because they periodically empty the bilge until they either clog or the battery dies, the bilge fills with water, and the boat sinks.



## Examine all fittings and hoses

The skipper cannot expect the boat to take care of itself. In the spring and again during the season, examine all fittings and hoses for water tightness at through-hulls. Leaks at underwater fittings occur in 50 percent of sinkings, with the majority happening at stuffing boxes.

## Watch the weather

Accumulating rain, snow or sleet accounts for another 32 percent of sinkings. By lowering the waterline, the precipitation makes a boat more likely to flood during any minor mishap on board.

## Take docking precautions

Poor docking arrangements can allow the boat to get caught under a dock or bang against a piling, damaging the hull to the extent that the boat can take on water and sink. Arrange bow, stern and spring lines to keep the boat in the center of the slip.

## Examine and replace worn rubber

What can you do to protect your boat? Examine your outdrive boots for deterioration two to three times a year, and replace any rubber that looks dried out and cracked. Store the outdrive down to prolong the life of the rubber. Examine the seacocks and gate valves for corrosion, which looks pinkish on bronze.

## Check your through-hulls

Inspect transducer and raw water intake strainer through-hulls as well. Hoses connected to the fittings must be double-clamped with stainless steel clamps. Through-hull connected hoses should be the black reinforced kind, not PVC hoses, which can rupture and crack.

## Turn off freshwater systems

Anytime you are using the dockside freshwater system, turn the water off at the dock whenever you are away from the boat for more than a few hours. Make sure you have a pressure reducer valve and reinforced hose (if the hose is clear PVC, look for the crisscross pattern), which will accommodate the greatly increased pressure from a city water system.

## Visit the boat

If you need a reason to visit your boat more often, consider that repairing a boat that has been underwater usually costs about 40 percent of the boat's value. If you cannot visit regularly, consider implementing a buddy system with other boat owners. Many marinas offer inspections at an extra cost.

Your boat is a large investment. Keep it afloat; don't let it sink. *—Kathryn Byrd*

*Compass Feb 2026*



# A BIT OF FUN

Every March, just as the last stubborn patches of snow melted into the soil, Harold Bixby declared it “launch season.” His family knew what that meant: time to wake up the old boat. The boat, a slightly weathered but deeply loved vessel named *Knot on Call*, sat in the driveway like a patient old dog waiting for a walk. Harold stood beside it with a wrench in one hand and a cup of lukewarm coffee in the other.



“Well,” he said, patting the hull, “let’s not drift apart now.”

His daughter Carol groaned. “Dad, you’ve been saving these all winter, haven’t you?”

“I’m just getting warmed up,” Harold replied. “I’ve got a reel problem—I can’t stop.”

From inside the garage, his brother-in-law Gene shouted, “That’s because you’re a little dinghy!”

Harold beamed. “See? Runs in the family.”

The preparations were a yearly ritual. Carol checked the life jackets, muttering about mildew. Gene inspected the motor, offering commentary that was equal parts helpful and suspiciously confident. Meanwhile, Harold focused on the details—polishing the rails, tightening bolts, and occasionally just standing back to admire things as if the boat might compliment him in return.

“Remember last year?” Carol said, holding up a frayed rope. “This line nearly snapped.”

Harold nodded. “That was a real knotty situation.”

Carol closed her eyes. “I walked right into that.”

By late afternoon, the boat looked ready. The cover was off, the seats wiped down, and the motor gave a promising cough when Gene tested it.

“Sounds good,” Gene said. “She’s got some life in her yet.”

Carol shook her head, but she was smiling now. There was something comforting about it all—the familiar smells of oil and lake water, the predictable jokes, the steady rhythm of getting things prepped and ready together.

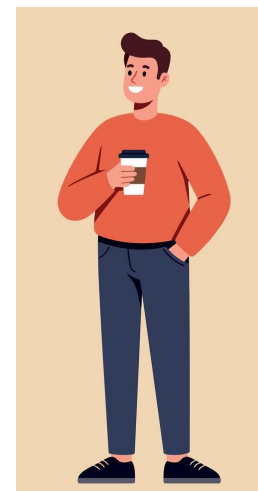
“Same time next week?” she asked.

Harold leaned against the boat, satisfied. “Wouldn’t miss it. Can’t wait to take her out for a spin. After all, I like to keep things ship-shape.”

Gene snorted. “You mean pun-shape.”

Harold raised his coffee cup in salute. “Whatever floats your boat.”

And for a moment, standing there in the soft early spring light, it felt like everything already did.



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UL Solutions sends out message about mislabeled children's lifejackets. See the full report here: [UL Solutions Warns of Mislabeled Child Life Jackets | UL Solutions](#)

Wondering how to decide how much fuel you need to get to where you want to boat for the day? Here are a few simple rules to get you a rough estimate easily. [Estimating Boat Fuel Consumption: A Practical Guide for Boaters](#)



Boaters are known to be superstitious about some things, and our group is certainly familiar with 1 and 5 on this list. I certainly know a few people I'd like to take out on my boat if I could convince them that 3 is a necessity! [5 Lesser-Known Boating Traditions That Still Live On Today](#)

Looking for new ideas when the same old boating routine is just, routine? Here are some ideas to change things up on your boat ride. [Reignite Your Love of Boating - Let the Good Times Keep Rolling](#)



Some of these are hard to watch and some of these are saved by strangers after it looked like all hope was lost. [Total Idiots At The Boat Ramp!](#)



# Delhigh 2026 Calendar

<p>April Meeting Wednesday, April 1 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>Wine Tasting Saturday, April 18 Blue Ridge Winery 12pm</p> <p>Sock Burning Saturday, May 2 Dlugos Fire Pit 3pm</p> <p>May Meeting Wednesday, May 6 Morgan's Local Flavor 6pm</p> <p>Beltzville Lake Clean-up/Joey B's Saturday, May 16 Pine Run Boat Launch 9am and 1pm</p> <p>Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 3 Montuori Backyard TBD</p> <p>Summer Rendezvous June 25-28 Rock Hall Landing Marina</p> <p>July Meeting Wednesday, July 15 Nowroozani Pool 6:30pm</p>	<p>Musikfest Wednesday, August 5 Hotel Bethlehem 6pm Bonfire Saturday, August 15 Dlugos Fire Pit</p> <p>Iron Pigs Game Wednesday, August 26 Coca-Cola Park 7:05pm</p> <p>September Meeting Wednesday, September 2 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>Trailerboat Rendezvous Saturday, September 12 Ridley Park Marina</p> <p>Dinner Saturday, September 26 TBD</p> <p>Sporting Clays /Oktoberfest Saturday, October 17 Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays Meisner Residence</p> <p>Boos and Brews Saturday, October 24 Lambo Residence</p> <p>November Meeting Wednesday, November 4 TBD</p>	<p>Wine Tasting Saturday, November 21 TBD</p> <p>Holiday Party Saturday, December 12 Pizza Como 12pm</p> <p>January Meeting Wednesday, January 6, 2027 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>Phantoms Game TBD</p> <p>Bowling TBD</p> <p>Founder's Day Meeting Morgan's Local Flavor Wednesday, February 3 6pm</p> <p>Game Night Saturday, February 20 Meisner Residence</p> <p>COW Saturday, March 6 TBD</p>
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All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit. Please contact Kathy at [k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or (956) 240-5553 for more information on any scheduled event.

